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ORE records (1946-50)

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

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SUBJECT: ORR/AD "Chrono Files," 1952-54, on deposit in CIA Records Center

1. After a further inspection at the Records Center, it appears that ORR's main "chrono file" (that is, the one kept centrally by St/A for the AD and for ORR as a whole) is intact and safely in archival storage for 1952, 1953, and 1954, as follows:

2. The 1952 chrono file was retired by St/A in April 1955, by accession (or "job") no. 55-201, as an incidental and small part of a larger shipment of parts of ORR's (and ORE's) "Subject File" for 1946-52. According to ORR's shelflist (see photocopy of shelflist 55-201, on file in HS working files, under "ORR") the ORR chrono file for 1952 is made up of 12 monthly folders, and comprises only about 1/2 box in bulk. That is, it is somewhat smaller than the file for 1953 or 1954, below. Furthermore, the 1952 file is apparently arranged in a single, consecutive chronological or diary-type arrangement, rather than separately for each ORR Division, DD/I and DD/S office, and IAC member agency, etc., etc., with which the AD had correspondence.

25X1A 3. The 1953 chrono file was retired in February 1956 as accession (or "job") no. 56-287; 1 box in bulk. For details as to arrangement (by office, division, agency, etc.), see folder-by-folder shelflist. (Photocopy obtained from Records Center, attached). This is doubtless the same file that [REDACTED] has recently borrowed via ORR for use in the Historical Staff.

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4. The 1954 chrono file was retired in January 1957, as accession no. 57-269; 1 box in bulk. For details as to its arrangement and special historical usefulness, see my analysis dated 25 June 1957 (attached).

5. The 1955 and 1956 blocks of the chrono file doubtless remain as "active" files, for the time being, in ORR/St/A, in accordance with the RM Staff's "records control schedule." (See series entry no. 4-c in that schedule, cited in my memo on ORR's records in general, April 25, 1957.)

6. On the question whether any other pre-1953 chrono files of ORR have survived, the situation is not clear, from my brief inspection at the Records Center on July 2. I have seen no accession record of any specifically "1951" chrono file, although there are certain folders, in the shelflist of ORR's "Subject File" for 1951 (see accession no. 55-201), which look "suspiciously" like it might be ^{the} ORR chrono file--that is, one that is subdivided by division, office, etc. (This, of course, remains to be verified, if and when the need arises.) Before 1951, on the other hand, certain of ORE's chrono files (if not all of them) have definitely survived. (See my memo, July 3, listing ORE records on deposit in the Records Center.)

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7. Although ORR's main chrono file is safely scheduled as a "permanent" file, the various ORR divisional and branch chrono files are for the most part scheduled, instead, as "temporary" files, that is, they are earmarked to be destroyed periodically. This situation is in process of being corrected, to our satisfaction (I hope), as part of the larger,

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general problem of CIA's "temporary" but "historically useful" files, 25X1A
which I discussed in some detail about a month ago with [REDACTED] of
the RM Staff, and which we will be further "negotiating" together, as
soon as his people have gone over my suggestions.

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